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Cc: Pfahles-Hutchens, Andrea[Pfahles-Hutchens.Andrea@epa.gov]
From: Jon, Jay
Sent: Tue 4/11/2017 3:08:05 PM
Subject: RE: Email response

Judith,

I have a question.

According to GPS Safety Summary from BASF up to 3% of sodium hydroxide maybe used in food industry. One of the comment we receive relates to the possibility of asbestos in sodium hydroxide manufactured using chlor-alkali process. What do ACC members who produce sodium hydroxide using asbestos diaphragms ensure that their sodium hydroxide is free of asbestos?
Do they do routine monitoring of asbestos in sodium hydroxide. If so, can they share the results.

Thanks.

Jay

-----Original Message-----

From: Courtnage, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Nordgren, Judith <Judith_Nordgren@americanchemistry.com>
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Hi Judith- Any more information to share on the below questions. Thanks!

-Robert

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nordgren, Judith [mailto:Judith_Nordgren@americanchemistry.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Courtnage, Robert <Courtnage.Robert@EPA.GOV>
Cc: Jon, Jay <Jon.Jay@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Email response

Dear Robert,

I will get you answers as soon as possible, it may be next week, as some folks have already left for the weekend.

Thanks a million,

Judith

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From: Courtnage, Robert [mailto:Courtnage.Robert@EPA.GOV]
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To: Nordgren, Judith
Cc: Jon, Jay
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Thanks Judith, a couple questions to ask. How different are the other chloralkali plants nationwide in their processes with receiving, handling, manufacturing, using and disposing of the asbestos diaphragms? Is what we saw at the two plants consistent with all of the other facilities that use asbestos diaphragms?

Also, any additional data you have on 1) the process of removing and disposing of the asbestos that is pressure removed from the diaphragm screens, 2) air monitoring at the facilities nationwide and 3) employee health monitoring data would be interesting to have. We will have other questions, but those are the ones that immediately come to mind.

Have a great trip.

Best,

-Robert

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Dear Robert,

I trust you're doing well. I wanted to let you know that I will be out of the country until Sunday, April 2 but will be following my email traffic. Should you have any questions I will respond but it may be a few hours later than usual.

I also wanted to let you know that if you and your team would find it useful for another DC face-to-face meeting to address any questions we can facilitate that as well.

Thanks a million,

Judith

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